

**Remarks**

Claims 1-77 are present in the above captioned application, and were allowed in the parent application.

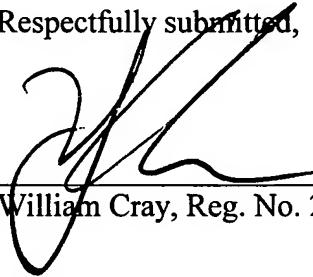
New claims 78-154 were added to clarify certain recitations, e.g., by removing references to what might be considered means-plus-function language where not needed, to remove certain unnecessary recitations not needed to define over the art and to clarify, e.g., the differences between gas discharge pulses and laser output pulses and electrical pulses, and to remove such possibly non-structural limitations as “configured to” and “capable of” in order to more particularly point out and distinctly define the inventions of the above captioned application.

Claims 78-154 were rejected in the parent application and Applicants request a first action final rejection for purposes of appealing that rejection.

### Conclusion

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the total amount of \$3,182 to applicants' assignee's Deposit Account No. 03-4060; \$770 for the basic filing fee and \$2,412 for the additional claims. Applicants do not believe any other fees are due however, if any additional fees are due, authorization is hereby given to charge the just referenced Deposit Account the appropriate amount.

Respectfully submitted,



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